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January 31, 2005

Mr Pat Miller, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

> Re Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) Docket No 03-00486 Entergy Arkansas, Inc. Request for Approval to Enter Into Certain Financing Transactions During the Years 2004 Through 2006

Dear Mr. Miller

Pursuant to the approving Order issued October 31, 2003, in TRA Docket No 03-00486, please find attached for filing with the TRA the original and thirteen copies of Entergy Arkansas, Inc 's compliance financing report filed January 28, 2005, with the Arkansas Public Service Commission in APSC Reporting Docket No 86-033-A and APSC Docket No 03-139-U

This report is in regard to EAI's January 19, 2005, issuance of \$175 million aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 501-377-5489

Sincerely,

William R Morgan

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

WM/tj

**Attachments** 



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Ms. Diana Wilson, Secretary Arkansas Public Service Commission P. O. Box 400 1000 Center Street Little Rock, AR 72203-0400

Re:

**Originating Docket:** 

03-139-U

Report Docket:

86-033-A

Pursuant to Order No. 2

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In the Matter of the Application of Entergy Arkansas, Inc.

for Authorization to Enter Into Certain Financing Transactions During the Years 2004 Through 2006

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Please find attached the original and thirteen copies of Entergy Arkansas, Inc.'s report to the Commission in the above-styled proceedings regarding its January 19, 2005, issuance of \$175,000,000 aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds. This report is required under Order No. 2 in Docket No. 03-139-U.

Please file this letter and the attached report in the appropriate docket.

Sincerely,

SS/tj

Attachments

### ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC.

# ISSUANCE OF FIRST MORTAGAE BONDS: \$175,000,000 5.66% SERIES DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2025

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## TRANSACTION ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

On Wednesday, January 19, 2005, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. ("EAI"), issued \$175,000,000 aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds at an interest rate of 5.66%. The net proceeds will be used to redeem, prior to maturity, \$175,000,000 in principal amount of EAI's First Mortgage Bonds, 7% Series due October 1, 2023, at a redemption price of 102.54% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date. First Mortgage Bonds proved to be the best method for financing due to lower pricing and better demand (as compared to unsecured debt) in the current market environment. The new bonds mature in twenty years and are callable at par after ten years.

The net proceeds from the issuance were \$173,421,500 after deducting underwriting expenses. Additional expenses are estimated to be approximately \$165,000. Actual expenses will not be known for several months subsequent to closing.

### **SUMMARY OF TERMS**

Principal Amount: \$175,000,000

Maturity Date: 2/1/2025

Optional Call Provisions: Make-whole call until 2/1/2015, then callable at

par on 2/1/2015 or anytime thereafter

<u>Underwriters</u>: CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED

BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES CORP. GREENWICH CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES INC.

STEPHENS INC.

20 Year Treasury Yield @ Pricing:

4.732%

Spread to Treasury:

0.93%

Yield to Public:

5.662%

Coupon Rate:

# **SUMMARY OF TERMS (CONTINUED)**

Price to Public:99.973%Underwriters' Compensation:0.875%Price to Company:99.098%Proceeds to Company:\$173,421,500

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Exhibit A shows journal entries related to the issuance of the new series of First Mortgage Bonds.

# ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC. ENTRIES TO RECORD THE ISSUANCE OF \$175,000,000 FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

## Entry No. 1

Cash

\$173,421,500.00

Unamortized Debt Expense - FMB (Underwriting Fee)

\$1,531,250.00

Unamortized Discount on Long Term Debt

\$ 47,250.00

Long Term Debt - First Mortgage Bonds

\$175,000,000

To record the sale of \$175,000,000 principal amount of 5.66% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due February 1, 2025, and the related underwriting fee.

## Entry No. 2

Unamortized Debt Expense – FMB Cash

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**\$**\*

To record expenses in connection with the issuance of \$175,000,000 principal amount of 5.66% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due February 1, 2025 (\*Total expenses are estimated to be approximately \$165,000. Actual expenses will not be known for several months subsequent to closing.)

#### Entry No. 3

Amortization – Discount on Long Term Debt \*
Unamortized Discount on Long Term Debt \*

\$2,246

\$ 2,246

To record the annual amortization of debt discount in connection with the issuance of \$175,000,000 principal amount of 5.66% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due February 1, 2025. \*NOTE: This amount represents the amount of discount that will be amortized for 2005 only. The annual amortization of the debt discount for all other years will be \$2,346.

#### Entry No. 4

Amortization - Expenses for Long Term Debt \*

\$72,789

Unamortized Debt Expense for Long Term Debt \*

\$72,789

To record the annual amortization of underwriting fee in connection with the issuance of \$175,000,000 principal amount of 5.66% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due February 1, 2025. \*NOTE: This amount represents the amount of expenses that will be amortized for 2005 only. The annual amortization of the debt expense for all other years will be \$76,627.

## Entry No. 5

Long Term Debt Unamortized Loss

Cash

Unamortized Expense
Unamortized Discount
Call Premium

\$175,000,000 \$6,571,183

> \$109,403 \$2,016,780 \$4,445,000 \$175,000,000

To record the unwinding of the \$175,000,000 principal amount of 7% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage bonds due October 1, 2023 being redeemed in connection with the issuance of \$175,000,000 principal amount of 5.66% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due February 1, 2025.

# ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC.

I, Nathan E. Langston, Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, attest on this 26th day of January, 2005, that the journal entries attached as Exhibit A correctly reflect the effect of the sale on January 19, 2005 of \$175,000,000, 5.66% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds due February 1, 2025.

Nathan E. Langston

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer